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TWELFTH DAY.

Tuesday, 11th March 1958.

The House met in the Council Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at Fifteen Minutes past Two of the Clock.

MR. CHAIRMAN (SRI P. SITHARAMIAH, B.A.,B.L.) in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTION

(to which oral answer was given)

Preservation of Posts to Scheduled Castes in Forest Department.

*Q.—81. Sri H. M. GANGADHARIAH (Legislative Assembly Constituency).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the method adopted to fill up the vacancies in the Gazetted cadre in the Forest Department ;

(*b*) the number of vacancies in the Gazetted cadre filled up since the advent of reservation of posts to Scheduled Castes ?

A.—Sri H. S. RUDRAPPA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) Vacancies in the Gazetted cadre are filled up by Government in consultation with the Mysore Public Service Commission.

(*b*) 12.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಗಂಗಾಧರಯ್ಯ.—ನನ್ನ (ಬ) ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಉತ್ತರವಾಗಿ 12 ಮಂದಿ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳೋಣವಾಗಿದೆ. ಅವರೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಯಾವ ಯಾವ ಪಂಗಡಕ್ಕೆ ಸೇರಿದವರು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಸ್. ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ.—ಬೇರೆ ಕೋಮಿನವರನ್ನು ಸೇರಿಸಿರುವುದು ನನಗೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ. ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ಡ್ ಕ್ಯಾಸ್ಟ್‌ಗೂ ಇದೆಯೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಂ. ಗಂಗಾಧರಯ್ಯ.—ಅವರಲ್ಲಿ ಗೆಜೆಟೆಡ್ ಹುದ್ದೆಗೆ ಬರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಲಾಯಕ್ಕಾಗಿರುವವರಿಗೆ ಅನ್ಯಾಯವಾಗಿದೆಯೆಂಬುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಎಸ್. ರುದ್ರಪ್ಪ.—ಅದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ. ಹಾಗೆ ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದರೆ, ತನಿಖೆಮಾಡುತ್ತೇನೆ.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER.

Arrests of the members of the Socialist Party.

*Q.—2. Sri M. P. L. SASTRY (Teachers' Constituency).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether there have been arrests of the members of the Socialists' Party in the State ;

(*b*) if so, the number of persons so far arrested, together with reasons therefor ;

(*c*) the number of cases pending against any of them ;

(*d*) the demands, if any, placed by them before the Government ;

(*e*) the action taken on their representation ?

A.—Sri C. M. POONACHA (Minister for Home Affairs and Industries).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 540 persons have been arrested till 2nd March 1958 for picketing Government Offices and obstructing Government Servants in the discharge of their duties.

(*c*) 13 cases are pending trial up to 2nd March 1958.

(*d*) A copy of the demands presented to Government is placed on the table of the House.

(*e*) No action is considered necessary on the demands.

Sri M. P. L. SASTRY.—May I know the district or districts in which the largest number of arrests have been made of the people belonging to the Socialist Party ?

†Sri C. M. POONACHA.—The largest number of persons arrested in this regard happens to be in the district of Shimoga. The number is 429. The next in order comes Bangalore and the number here is 62. The next highest number is in Raichur, *i.e*, 27. In the other districts the number comes down.

Sri M. P. L. SASTRY.—Are the arrests made individually or in groups ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—According to the manner in which the Satyagraha is made. If they come in batches, then the whole batch is arrested.

Sri M. P. L. SASTRY.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that the procedure adopted by Government in respect of the arrested persons and the conveniences given to them while in detention, is not the same as was in vogue during the Satyagraha campaign?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—I would like to know to which Satyagraha movement the Hon'ble Member is referring to ?

Sri M. P. L. SASTRY.—I am referring to the Satyagraha movement carried by the people of India in the year 1942 and the people of Mysore in 1947.

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—You are referring to the freedom struggle. If that is the question, I may submit that these Satyagrahis are treated much better.

Sri M. P. L. SASTRY.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that the arrested persons are hand-cuffed when are taken to the court of law and when they are brought back from the courts ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—I have no information in this connection. If my friend wants information of any particular incident, I will get it.

Sri M. P. L. SASTRY.—Is it not a fact that five honest young men from Hoskote were handcuffed and taken to the Office of the Sub-Division Officer from the law court ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—I have no information, but since the Hon'ble Member has made a reference, I would like to pursue it.

Sri M. P. L. SASTRY.—Is it not a fact that some of these Satyagrahis who are arrested by the Police and kept in the lock-up and in the jail have complained that the conditions in the jail are awful and this was not the condition of the political prisoners in the previous years ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—My friend may be knowing that there are two stages. Actually, pending a trial, there may be a period of remand under police custody and the conditions there are quite different from confinement in a jail after conviction. So far as regular prisoners are concerned, the conditions in the jail are known to be good.

Sri M. P. L SASTRY.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that the Socialist Party Offices are raided and whoever are available are taken to the police station ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—I would not like to reply off hand, but there have been incidents where certain Socialist Satyagrahis in writing informed the authoritie of their intention to offer Satyagraha and committed offences and as a measure of precaution, certain actions might have been taken. This action might have been taken in pursuance of the intentions being made known to the authorities in writing beforehand.

Sri M. P. L SASTRY.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that the police are harassing the women and children in the houses of the Socialist Satyagrahis when they have gone outside and trying to exact information in regard to movement of the suspected persons ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—No such complaint has been received so far.

Sri M. P. L. SASTRY.—In reply to (*e*), it has been stated that no action is considered necessary on the demands made by the Socialist party. From the memorandum submitted by the Socialist Party for the redressal of grievances of the public at large, has it come to the notice of Government that demands numbers 11, 13, 15 and so on are the demands that were included even by the Congress Party and forms part of the manifesto issued by the Congress Party during general elections ?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—My friend knows it better. It is for that very reason, the answer has rightly been given that no further action seems to

†Indicates that the remarks or speeches have not been revised by the member concerned.

be necessary. They form part and parcel of the accepted policies of the present Government and therefore these so called Charter of Demands which have been enumerated by the Socialist Party are more or less accepted policies of the present Government and they are at various stages of execution and accomplishment. Therefore there is no particular reason to take a particular course of action in pursuance of the demands.

Sri M. P. L. SASTRY.—So, Sir, the answer given is that no action is considered necessary on the demands. These are the demands that have been put before the Government by the Representatives of the Party. Do they consider that no action in regard to these matters is necessary?

Mr. CHAIRMAN.—That may be clarified.

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—They are the accepted policies of the Government and most of them are implemented and are being implemented and no further action is necessary.

Sri M. P. L. SASTRY.—Is it the view of the Government then that there is no difference between the Congress Party which has formed the Ministry today and the Socialist Party Leaders as far as the carrying out of these demands of the public are concerned except that it is a question of time?

Mr. CHAIRMAN.—The Home Minister did not say all the demands would be implemented. He said that in respect of certain demands they were the policies of the Congress and they were being implemented.

Sri M. P. L. SASTRY.—I wanted to know from the Hon'ble Minister whether the difference between the Congress Party and the Socialist Party is only in regard to duration in which these demands are to be carried out.

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—I leave it to the kind inference of my Hon'ble friend. If he were to draw that inference, I am happy over it and he could in turn convince the socialist friends to call off the agitation.

Sri M. P. L. SASTRY.—Were there any negotiations between the Government on the one side and the representatives of the Socialist Party on the other?

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—A deputation of this Party met the Chief Minister and they had discussion and the Chief Minister in the course of the discussions indicated the intention and the view-points of the Government. Later on, in a Press statement, the Chief Minister advised the Socialist Party not to force the issues and counselled to withhold the contemplated agitation of Satyagraha.

Sri M. P. L. SASTRY.—So, would the Government consider the desirability of having a conference between the representatives of the Government and the Socialist Party in view of the fact that the Government are also interested in giving relief to the public in several of the demands early and make their release so that there may be some kind of peaceful atmosphere in the State?

Mr. CHAIRMAN.—The Hon'ble Member wants the Government to keep his suggestion in view. Is that what you want?

Sri M. P. L. SASTRY.—Is it not desirable, that is what I said.

Mr. CHAIRMAN.—I do not think we can commit the Government to that position. Probably Sri Poonacha himself cannot commit the Government to any particular position.

Sri M. P. L. SASTRY.—I thought the Home Minister in charge of Home Portfolio is the spokesman of the Government so far as this question is concerned and he will carry the Government with him.

Mr. CHAIRMAN.—What is your question?

Sri M. P. L. SASTRY.—My question is very simple. I would like to know whether the Government would consider the desirability of having a conference with the Socialist Party and restore a peaceful atmosphere.

Mr. CHAIRMAN.—The Hon'ble Minister may answer that question.

Sri C. M. POONACHA.—The Government find no need to have any negotiation of the type suggested by my Hon'ble friend.

Mr. CHAIRMAN.—Question hour is over.

Member's Representation.

†Sri M. P. L. SASTRY (Teachers' Constituency).—I want to submit to the Chair that some of the members of the House were expecting that the Government would come forward with a proposition with regard to their definite stand on language policy. Several States have submitted memoranda to the Central Government on the report submitted by the Official Languages Commission which is discussed by the Parliamentary Sub-Committee and on which Government Orders are likely to issue. The neighbouring State of Madras has been discussing the memorandum submitted by the State Government to the Central Government and it would have been a great advantage if the memorandum, if any, submitted by the State Government to the Central Government is discussed in the Legislature. Sir, even before the memorandum was submitted by the Madras Government, as could be seen from the speech of the Hon'ble Finance Minister of Madras State, an all-Parties meeting or conference was convened and they were all taken into confidence and then the memorandum was submitted by the Madras Government to the Central Government. I do not think our Government had the privilege of doing it at all. You know, Mr. Chairman, that democracy is nothing but administration by understanding and discussion. Unless there is discussion with several groups and leaders of parties, it would not carry weight and authority in a democratic Government that such a matter should carry. Now, this is the burning problem and it would be to the advantage of the State and it would be to the benefit of the people to know the views of the Members here. Therefore I am submitting to you to move the Government to have that memorandum submitted by the State Government to the Central Government in regard to the Official Languages Commission Report discussed here.

Sri V. VENKATAPPA (Minister for Education).—That is a suggestion made by the Hon'ble Member. We will consider that suggestion.

General Discussion on the Supplementary Estimates for the year 1957-58.

Mr. CHAIRMAN.—Supplementary estimates have been placed on the Table. As regards the procedure on financial matters, of course, I believe, Hon'ble Members are well aware. But I just want to read the relevant portion of the rules for the elucidation of some of the new Members.

"Rule 148: (1) The Chairman may at any time during the financial year allot a day for the presentation of a statement of supplementary, additional or excess expenditure when—

(*a*) " the amount authorised by the appropriation for a particular service for any financial year is found insufficient for purposes of that year, or

(*b*) a need arises during the current financial year for expenditure upon some new service not contemplated in the Budget of that year, or

(*c*) any money has been spent on any service during the financial year in excess of the amount granted for the service and for that year.

(2) The Chairman shall allot one or more days for discussion of such estimates of expenditure.

(3) No motion shall be moved on such supplementary, additional or excess statement of expenditure nor shall it be submitted to the vote of the Council."

Therefore Hon'ble Members may kindly offer their valuable opinion and views in respect of supplementary estimates on various items that have been asked for. As regards the scope of the discussion, Hon'ble Members have got right to offer remarks in respect of items covered in the supplementary estimates asked for and not on items which are not covered by the supplementary estimates. With these observations I request the Hon'ble Members to kindly offer their remarks.